

Underwater Archaeology

The Society for Historical Archaeology (SHA) announces the publication of a special issue of its journal, *Historical Archaeology*, titled "Advances in Underwater Archaeology" (Volume 26, Number 4), edited by J. Barto Arnold III. The issue includes such topics as major shipwreck investigations and replication and experimental archeology. Single issues are available from the SHA, P.O. Box 30446, Tucson, AZ 85751-0446 for \$12.50, plus \$1.75 postage and handling.

HABS/HAER Bibliography

Because of a growing interest in HABS/HAER documentation, the need for a comprehensive bibliography became apparent. *Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record: An Annotated Bibliography* was compiled in 1992 by James C. Massey, Nancy B. Schwartz and Shirley Maxwell. The scope of the bibliography covers the years 1933 through 1991 and has been limited to publications issued by HABS/HAER, the National Park Service, and the Government Printing Office, those issued by HABS/HAER cooperators for HABS/HAER, and those in which HABS/HAER has substantially participated in preparing the publication. In addition to the basic components of a bibliographic entry, the citations have been annotated with material about the character of the publication, the number and type of illustrations, the reasons for its preparation, and the names of cooperating organizations which have played such an important role in the success of the HABS/HAER program.

To obtain a copy of the publication, send a check for \$5.00 (includes postage and handling) made payable to "HABS General Donation Account" and mail to Jean Yearby, HABS/HAER (429), National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127.

Native American Directory

A Native American Directory is now available which includes such information as a list of national Indian organizations, Indian schools, libraries, museums, and urban Indian centers. Write to Native American Directory, P.O. Box 1030, San Carlos, AZ 85550-1030.

Viewpoint

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I thoroughly enjoyed *CRM*, Vol. 16, No. 1, and its focus on administrative histories.

Last fall, I did a paper for a graduate program in history entitled "Preservation, Politics and Presidents: How Two Roosevelts and Their Congresses Managed Preservation Policies" which dealt with the Antiquities Act of 1906 and the Historic Sites Act of 1935. In researching the paper, I was surprised at how little has been written about preservation legislation and how little is known about its genesis. It seems as though a good deal more needs to be done in this area before we lose this knowledge for good. Fortunately, there are still a few people around, such as Charles Peterson, who can be tapped for some of the information.

Again, thanks for getting us started on a long overdue task.

Walter S. Marder, AIA
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Bulletin Board

Call for Papers

The first national conference on Reclaiming Women's History through Historic Preservation will be held June 17-19, 1994, at Bryn Mawr (PA) College.

The symposium will examine the interrelationships between women's history and the built environment.

The conference welcomes proposals for papers or panels focusing on aspects of two themes: identification of buildings, sites and objects associated with women's history; and how interpretation and education programs associated with these sites can enhance and promote understanding and appreciation for women's history.

Persons interested in submitting proposals should contact Gayle Samuels at 215-527-4470 to obtain further information and forms necessary as a presenter or exhibitor. All proposals must be received by July 16, 1993.

Preservation Conference

The 47th National Preservation Conference will be held September 29 to October 3, 1993, in St. Louis, MO. The theme will be the challenge of livable communities and the role of historic preservation in meeting this challenge. Co-sponsors are the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the National Park Service, and the Historic Preservation Program of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. For more information and a brochure, contact the National Trust, 1785 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036; 800-937-6847.

Newport Mansions Schedule

The mansions of The Preservation Society of Newport (RI) County opened for the 1993 season on March 27. For a free color brochure or further information on the Preservation Society properties or programs, contact The Preservation Society, 118 Mill Street, Newport, RI 02840; 401-847-1000.

Historic Houses in PA Receive Grants

In an effort to help preserve the Delaware Valley's cultural resources, The Philadelphia Historic Preservation Corporation (PHPC) has awarded \$2 million in matching grants for historic building studies and "bricks and mortar" improvements to 30 historic house museums. Awards made under the Historic House Museum Challenge Grant Program, established in 1992, with funding from The Pew Charitable Trusts went to institutions located in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties.

Awards were made under the Historic House Museum Challenge Grant Program which provides sustained support to the house museum community and was the first group to recognize architectural heritage and organize to preserve it, becoming the core of the modern historic preservation movement. The grants will enable the community to complete much needed repairs, build on their existing base of community support, and better understand the unique characteristics and needs of each historic building.

Ann Harris, program director for the Challenge Grant Program, reports that the Philadelphia region has approximately 180 historic house museums which are like walk-through text books that teach, inform, enlighten, and entertain about the past and its people, traditions, and architecture. And like a good book, she says, they need to be preserved if they are to tell their story.

Of the funds awarded, \$200,000 will be used for planning grants to study and